The Caledonian Mercury. No. 10,060.

Price 3d.] EDINBURGH, SATURDAY, MARCH 4. 1786.

By Particular Desire of a Lady of the First Distinction,

On MONDAY, March 6. will be presented,
A Comic Opera, called,

LOVE IN A VILLAGE.

Justice Woodcock, Mr WILSON;
Hawthorn, Mr HALLION;
Hodge, Mr KIPPLING;
Sir William Meadows, Mr W. WELLS;
Eustace, Mr BLAND, Jun;
And Young Meadows, Mr BELL.
Lucinda, Mrs HENDERSON;
Madge, Mrs WILMOT-WELLS;
Deborah Woodcock, Mrs CHARTERIS;
And Rosetta, Mrs ILIFF.

In Act I. A STATUTE SCENCE for Hiring of Servants,
With a Country Dance by the characters.
End of the Opera, (by particular desire)
Mr WILSON will, for the last time,
Present the Audience with
A Twiggle and a Frizz.

To which will be added, a Dramatic Piece, altered into Three Acts, called, The

REHEARSAL.

Lately performed at the Theatre-Royal, Covent Garden, with universal applause.

The Part of Bayes, by Mr WILSON;
Johnson, Mr LA-MASH;
Smith, Mr WILMOT-WELLS;
Prince Volscius, Mr BETTERTON;
Prince Prettyman, Mr HALLION;
Tom Thimble, the Tailor, Mr KIPPLING;
First King of Brentford, Mr Bell;—Second King of Brentford, Mr Michel;—Physician, Mr Charteris;—Drawcansir, Mr J. Bland;—First Player, Mr Bland, Jun.;—Second Player, Mr Le-Brun;
And the Gentleman Usher, Mr O'REILLY.
Lightning, Miss CHARTERIS;
Amaryllis, Mrs Kippling;—Parthenope, Mrs J. Bland;
And Chloris, Mrs O'REILLY.

In Act III. A REPRESENTATION OF A BATTLE,
By Mr Bayes's Troops,
BOTH HORSE AND FOOT.
Previous to which, the celebrated War Song of
"*O! what a Charming thing's a Battle!*"
By Mr MICHEL.

Doors to be opened at Five o'Clock, and to begin precisely at Half past Six.

ST CECILIA's HALL.

MR SCHETKY respectfully informs the Nobility and Gentry, that his CONCERT will be on Tuesday the 7th instant.

To begin at Half past Six o'Clock.

Tickets (Three Shillings each) to be had at Mr Schetky's Foulis's Close, and at the Music Shops.

ACT I.

Overture, SCHETKY.
Scots Song, Mr ATTRET.
Organ Concerto, Mr CLARK.
Song, Mrs STEWART, *Paesiello.*
Violoncello Concerto, Mr SCHETKY.

ACT II.

The Favourite Concertante of D'Avaux,
By Messr. REINAGLE and STABILINI.
Song, Signor URBANI.
Clarinetto Concerto, Mr MAHON.
Song, Mrs STEWART, *Ved. Anfossi.*
Chorus, Hallelujah! from Handel's Messiah.

ST CECILIA's HALL.

THE Governor and Directors of the Musical Society have fixed Mr MAHON's CONCERT for Thursday next the 9th of March, and beg leave to recommend him to the patronage of the public on this occasion.

Mr MAHON will perform a Solo Concerto on the Violin, and one on the Clarinet.

In each Concerto will be introduced a favourite Scots Air.

The Concert will conclude with a Grand Piece of Music, descriptive of a Battle, composed in imitation of the Battle performed in London with universal applause.

An explanation of the Battle Piece will be delivered at the door of the Concert Room.

Tickets, (price Three Shillings) to be had at Mr Mahon's lodgings, Advocates Close, third flair, left hand, first door, and at the Music Shops.

Strayed or Stolen.

SHERIFF-CLERK's OFFICE, Edinburgh, Feb. 28. 1786.

THAT within these eight days, there was Stolen or Strayed from an inclosure at Causewayside, near Edinburgh,

A HIGHLAND SHELTIE, or Small Galloway Gelding, about 12 years old, entirely black, about 12 hands high, has a switch tail, long main, and wants his shoes.—Has been at grass all winter, whereby his hair is very rough, and rather dunnish in the tops.

Whoever will give such information to William Scott, Procurator Fiscal of this county, as shall lead to a discovery of the said Shelty or Galloway, shall be handsomely rewarded and no questions asked.—If after this notice, he is found in the possession of any person, they will be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of law.

TEAS.

ALLAN, STEUART, and COMPANY, are to expose by public auction, within their Warehouses in Leith, upon Tuesday the 14th instant, at eleven o'clock forenoon,

A considerable quantity of BLACK and GREEN TEAS, not less than 100 chests; or from that quantity to 200 chests, as interim sales may determine.—These are the remainder of a parcel of Teas consigned them for sale, direct from the India Company's Warehouses, and the proprietor has ordered them to be sold without reserve.

The Teas to be exposed, may be viewed on the morning of the day of sale, and on the Monday preceding.

N. B. There is always a large stock of all kinds of Teas kept at the above Warehouse, for sale to Dealers only; and the trade may depend on fresh assortments being brought down every sale from the East India House.

Leith, March 1. 1786.

A House and Garden in St Andrews,

TO SELL OR LET,

THAT HOUSE possessed by Dr Campbell, situated in the South Street of St Andrews, consisting of eight fire-rooms, kitchen, cellars, and brew-house, with a stable and garden belonging thereto. Any person inclining to purchase or rent the same, will have access to the premisses at Whitsunday next.

For particulars enquire at Dr Campbell in St Andrews, or John Campbell, jun. writer to the signet, Edinburgh.

N. B. The whole Household Furniture will be sold at the ensuing term of Whitsunday.

CHARLES ROBERTSON, Painter,

BEGS leave to inform the public, that he has entered into copartnery with GAVIN BEUGO, whose ability as a Painter, and affiduity in business, are well known.

He hopes, by their joint endeavours, they will be able to give the utmost satisfaction to their employers, and on the most moderate terms.

Noblemen and Gentlemen who honour them with their commands in Coach Painting, are requested to take the trouble of calling at the work-shops in Register Street, behind Prince's Street; where they will be shown a great variety of the newest patterns, &c. and by giving their own orders, mistakes may be prevented.

GAVIN BEUGO has lately returned from London, (where he resided for some time), and has brought with him a large collection of the newest and most elegant Designs, most fashionable Colours, Varnishes, &c. used in House, Coach, and Ornamental Painting.

☞ Orders to ROBERTSON AND BEUGO, Painters, Register-Street, will be attended to with the greatest care and dispatch, either in town or country.

EDINBURGH, MARCH 1. 1786.

Great Variety of Carriages for Sale.

ALEXANDER CHRICHTON Coachmaker, having now a great manny CARRIAGES belonging to gentlemen who wish to have them disposed of, it is proposed, that they shall be put up to public auction, on Wednesday the 8th of March next, in his Coach-yard, Canongate, at 12 o'clock noon.

This collection, the largest ever exposed to sale in Scotland, will consist of Coaches of different kinds, a variety of Post Chaises, and also a variety of one-horse Chaises and Giggs. Many of these Carriages are perfectly good, and of a modern construction; others, though very good, will be sold at very moderate prices, from being less fashionable.

Those who want carriages for hiring, either for street or country work, can be supplied on the most moderate terms.

Such of the carriages as are come to hand will be sold by private bargain, any time betwixt and the day of sale, if pur chasers incline.

Ironmongery and Hardware Goods.

FORREST AND BROWN,

Ironmongers and Hardware Dealers,

Successors to the deceased Mr ROBERT FORD,

At the GILDED COCK, second shop above Fortune's Close, North side of the High Street, Edinburgh,

WITH the greatest respect, beg leave to inform the friends and customers of the late Mr Ford in particular, and the public in general, that they have laid in a complete assortment of Ironmongery and Hardware Goods, (as kept by their late friend) among which articles the following are a few:

Joiners and Carpenters Tools of all sorts.
Nails, Sprigs, and Tentor Hooks of all sizes.
Wood Screw Nails of all sizes.
Best House Bells, with complete Mounting for ditto.
Coffin Mounting of all sorts.
Carved and Plain Brass Mounting for Desks, Drawers, Cabinets, Book-cases, &c.
Carved and Plain Mounting for Clock-cases.
Clock-hands, Therms, and Line.
Shoemakers Tools and Utensils.
Brass and Iron Locks of all sorts.
Files and Rasps of all kinds, for Joiners, Smiths, and Founders.
Brass and Iron Hinges, all sizes.
Baken Hair, Girth-web, and Brass Nails.
Fish-skin, Fin Tails, & Russles.
Emery Paper, and Sand ditto.
Coarse and fine Glass Paper.
Blue Potts, Borrax, Spelter, and Emery.
Scots and London made Glue.
Steel, Coffee, or Pepper Mills, and ditto in Wood Boxes.
Mathematical Instruments, with or without Cases.
Ivory and Boxwood Foot Rules, and Gunter Scales.
Standing, Bench, and Hand Vices.
Measuring Lines in Leather Boxes, and rounds.
Brass and Iron Knockers, and Name Plates for outer doors.
Table and Desert Knives and Forks of different sorts.
Penknives, Scissars, and Razors.
Brass, Wood, and Leather Castors.
Brass Locks of all sizes, and ditto to lock with keys.
Brass and Boxwood Sash Pullies.
Brass Sash Nobs, Shutter Rings, and Sash Screws with keys.
Spring Snecks with Brass Nobs, or Folding Handles.
Brass and Iron Belts, and Thumb Snecks.
Best Pit Frame, and Cross Cut Saws.
Fine Battle and Dantzick Gun Powder, Shot, and Flints.
Powder Flasks and Shot Bags of different sorts.

Such as are pleased to favour them with their orders may depend upon being served on the most reasonable terms, and a proper discount allowed those who take quantities.

Commissions from the country will be carefully attended to.

N. B. All persons having any demands on the late Mr Ford, are requested to lodge notes of the same; and those indebted to him will please observe, that the debts are payable to Mr Forrest, at the above shop, and not to Mr Alexander Brown wine-merchant, the power of factory being withdrawn from him some time since.

Houses in Prince's Street, & Mews Lane.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 15th day of March curt. between the hours of five and six afternoon,

That LODGING situated on the north side of Prince's Street, immediately adjoining to Poole's Coffeehouse, consisting of four flats, with garrets, cellars, and other conveniencies, and the coach-house and stable belonging thereto, in the stable-court to the north of Prince's Street, all under lease to Mr Lauder surgeon, for twelve years from Whitsunday last, at the yearly rent of 84 l. 10 s. The ground-floor of the Lodging is at present used as a shop, and is possessed by William Humble sadler; the remainder by Mr Lauder.

Also, That BACK LODGING in the Mews Lane of Prince's Street, with the work-house and pertinents below the same, all under lease for four years from Whitsunday last, to Messr. Marshall and Armstrong plumbers, at the yearly rent of 32 l. and presently possessed by them.

These subjects not being within the royalty, pay no public burdens, and only a very small feu-duty.

The articles of roup, and title-deeds to be seen in the hands of Stewart Moodie writer in Edinburgh.

Houses in Canongate.

TO be LET and entered to at next Whitsunday, that large elegant DWELLING-HOUSE, on the south side of the Canongate, immediately below the entry to Mr Crichton's coach-yard, possessed by Mr Cornelius Elliot, consisting of a sunk storey, three other stories, besides garrets, all in good repair, and the rent only 40 l.

ALSO, the Dwelling-House first door of the turnpike immediately below Mr Elliot's, consisting of dining-room, drawing-room, and three bed chambers, kitchen, and other conveniencies; and a small Dwelling-House, entering from the close below.

Apply to Peter Milne at Mr Ramsay's, clerk to the signet.

GENUINE EDITION,

In Folio, and in Quarto,

From a Copy, with Improvements, Additions, and Corrections, bequeathed by Dr JOHNSON to Sir JOSHUA REYNOLDS, one of his Executors.

This day was published,

No. 11. in Quarto, and No. 7. in Folio, of

A Dictionary of the English Language,

In which the Words are deduced from the Originals, and illustrated in their different Significations, by Examples from the best Writers.—To which are added,

An English Grammar, and a History of the Language,

BY SAMUEL JOHNSON, LL.D.

Printed for THOMAS LONGMAN, in Paternoster-row, London; and sold by J. SIBBALD, Edinburgh.

CONDITIONS.

I. This work will be elegantly printed on fine paper, in two volumes in quarto, and in one volume folio, from a copy bequeathed by the author to Sir Joshua Reynolds, one of his executors, containing numerous additions, corrections, and alterations.

II. A number, containing three and four sheets alternately, will be published weekly, at the price of 6d.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

THE arbitrary state of the English language had long been a subject of regret among the learned in this country, who, though they cultivated useful and polite learning beyond the nations on the Continent, had the mortification to behold themselves infinitely surpassed in philological improvement by the academicans of Italy and France. Applications were made without success to different Sovereigns for such a patronage as might enable a society of literary men to compile a dictionary for the use of those who sic elegance. Similar overtures were made to several of the Nobility; and Dean Swift is said to have laid a plan of the same kind before the Earl of Oxford, which, however, does not appear to have been regarded—"For (as Dr Johnson "observes) the English language was still suffered to spread, "under the direction of chance, into wild exuberance, re- "signed to the tyranny of time and fashion, and exposed "to the corruptions of ignorance and the caprice of inno- "vation."—But what could not be accomplished by royal munificence, or under the auspices of the Nobility, was reserved for certain booksellers, who had the peculiar fecility of enabling Dr Johnson to perform a work, not less advantageous to the interests of literature, than astonishing, when considered as the laborious production of one man.

To render this inestimable work, so necessary in the present age of refinement, more accessible to all ranks of men, it is proposed to publish a correct, elegant, and cheap edition, printed from a copy in which there are many additions and corrections, written by the author's own hand, and bequeathed by him to Sir Joshua Reynolds, who has, with unparalleled liberality, allowed the public may not be deprived of the last improvements of so consummate a lexicographer as Dr Johnson.

Extract from Dr Johnson's Will.

"I GIVE and bequeath to Sir Joshua Reynolds my own copy of my Folio English Dictionary, of the last revision."

MONEY TO LEND.

TO be LENT at Whitsunday next, TWO Sums of ONE THOUSAND POUNDS Sterling each, upon heritable security; and ONE Sum of FOUR HUNDRED POUNDS Sterling upon personal security.

Enquire at David Lothian writer, Riddle's Close, Lawn-Market. Not to be repeated.

TO be SOLD, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 21st day of March current, betwixt the hours of five and six o'clock afternoon,

The Following SUBSECTS, lying in Pleasance:

LOT I. A DWELLING-HOUSE, with an area in front and large garden behind the same; the whole consisting of 29 falls of ground or thereby. This ground is immediately adjacent to the property of Professor Robison in St John's Hill, and commanding a beautiful prospect of the Frith; is a most eligible situation for building.

LOT II. A TENEMENT lying in the south side of the Long Close, consisting of two storeys and garrets, with stables, and a small garden immediately adjacent, divided from the former garden by a stone dyke, consisting of 12 falls of ground or thereby.

LOT III. That DWELLING-HOUSE and SMITH's SHOP, and Waste Ground, with the benefit of a mutual gavel backward to the town wall, lying on the west side of the Pleasance, fronting the high street commonly called the *Folly*. This lot being without the liberties, and subject to no restrictions on the part of incorporations, renders it a desirable object for manufacturers and tradesmen.

For particulars apply to John Peat, writer in Edinburgh.

TO be SOLD by public auction, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 29th of March current, betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon,

The following SUBJECTS, formerly

the property of Gavin Kempt, merchant in Leith, and now belonging to his Creditors, in the following Lots, viz.

LOT I.

A DWELLING-HOUSE in Leith, consisting of a dining-room, drawing-room, and bed-rooms, kitchen, &c. together with a compting-room within the house—An extensive range of warehouses, granaries, lofts, and cellars fitted up with catacombs—A malt-barn, kiln, and brew-house, with utensils for brewing—A stable and area adjoining.

The premisses are situated on the Sheriff Brae of Leith, and the warehouses, &c. most excellently adapted for the use of merchants dealing in grain or bulky articles. The purchaser may enter to the natural possession of the whole at Whitsunday.

The upset price of this lot is fixed at 600 l.

The keys of the house, &c. are left with Thomas Thomson merchant, Coal-hill, Leith, who will show the subject.

LOT II.

A DWELLING-HOUSE, offices, and two flower plots, lying within Reid's Close, Canongate, and possessed by Captain Graham, at the rent of 25 l. Sterling yearly.

The dwelling-house consists of parlour, dining-room, drawing-room, bed-rooms, nursery, store-room, kitchen, a cellar fitted up with catacombs, and a variety of closets; and in the flower plots, there is a cellar, with racks for bottles, a garde mange, wash-house, &c.

The subjects of this lot are let for one year after Whitsunday next, at the former rent of 25 l. and will be exposed at the upset price of 300 l.

Thomas Adair clerk to the signet will inform as to further particulars, and show the progress and articles of roup.

This day is published,

Price 1s. or 1s. 3d. by post,

(With a VIEW of BARNBIMMING BRIDGE)

THE EDINBURGH MAGAZINE,

OR LITERARY MISCELLANY,

For FEBRUARY 1786.

Containing (from the nature of the plan) a much greater variety of valuable, curious, and entertaining articles, than is to be found in any London Magazine.

The following are a FEW of the contents of this number: Register of the weather for February—*Fuseli's* account of antient statues and pictures at Rome—*Keate's* observations on Dr *Anderson's* plan of towns in the Highlands—Specimen of the correspondence between Low Dutch and the Scotch-Saxon dialect—Answer to Mercier's criticism on Homer—Instructions by Mary of Medicis to her daughter at her departure for England—Anecdotes of Villers Duke Buckingham—Musical anecdotes of the Earl of Mornington—On the progress of language in Scotland—Authentic account of an Hindo woman burning herself—Story of Antonio—Original anecdotes of Peter the Great—Of Madam de Maintenon—Of Sarah Duchess of Marlborough—Of Oliver Cromwell—Of the Duke of Marlborough—Sketch of the life of John Macpherson, Esq; member of the Supreme Council of Bengal—Story of Angelica—Ode for the Calf's-head Club, by Dr Aikenside, never before printed—Conclusion of the list of Captains, Lieutenants, and Ensigns, on the Bengal establishment, in the order of their seniority—Every man in his humour, &c.

Printed for and Sold by J. SIBBALD, Edinburgh.

A parcel of NEW PRINTS has lately come to hand.

ROYAL BANK, Edinburgh, Jan. 27. 1786.

THE Court of Directors of the Royal Bank of Scotland give notice, that a General Court of Proprietors will be held at their Office in Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 7th day of March next, at two o'clock afternoon, for the election of Governor, Deputy-Governor, and Directors, for the year ensuing, pursuant to the charter; and lists of the Proprietors will be delivered out on Wednesday the 22d current, at the usual hours of attendance at the Bank: And in order to make out the said lists, no transfer of stock will be made from Monday the 20th of February next, to the said 7th day of March next, both inclusive.

ARCH. HOPE, Secretary.

THE Noblemen, Gentlemen, owners and dealers in Coals, Merchants, Manufacturers, and others, who contributed to the expence of an application, for getting the limits of the Scotch Friths ascertained, to distinguish them from open sea, for relief in regard to Coal duties, especially in the lower parts of the Clyde, and on the Scotch side of the Solway Frith, and for a regulation of Customhouse fees in general, especially in the River Forth; and the Delegates appointed from different Counties to assist in this business, are requested to meet in Walker's Tavern, Writer's Court, on Wednesday the 8th March, at eleven o'clock forenoon, in order to receive a report of what has been hitherto done in this affair, and to concert what further steps should be taken for obtaining the ends proposed.

By statute 14th Charles II. "English River Trade, no dispatches or locks can be taken on any goods whatsoever, but *such as are shipt to be carried forth to the open sea.* This law is extended to Scotland by the Union of the kingdoms, and has been constantly adhered to in England, and even on the Clyde. It is further enacted, by statute 6th Anne, cap. 26. sect. 17. "That all regulations for navigation, and for carrying goods coastways, shall be the same in Scotland as in England; and that our merchants and others shall enjoy every benefit, allowance, advantage, or remedy in all matters of trade, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if the same were or arose in England."

It has been established by a special verdict in our Court of Exchequer last term, that no fees or dispatches, especially by bond and cocket, are exacted on goods, not even *Salt or Coals* on the English Rivers, or Friths of the Tyne, Mersey, and Dee.—In particular, that none are taken on the great Frith of the Humber, within the points called the *Spurn* on the north, and Gainthrop in Lincolnshire on the south, though it be navigable for sea vessels by different branches 80 or 100 miles higher up, nor upon the great Frith of the Severn, above the islands called *Holmes*, situated about 20 miles below Bristol, though it be navigable 160 miles higher up. The same practice, as to the carriage of goods on the Thames, was also established by a special verdict in a former term of Exchequer.

The River Forth is, however, directly against law, considered all as open sea to Stirling bridge; and dispatches even by bond and cocket, are daily taken upon goods crossing or passing up or down the River at Alloa and above it.

A relief as to great part of the expence on carrying Coals, and some other goods on the Frith, was obtained in 1784; but still what remains on them is directly against law; numberless bonds and cockets continue to be taken on various other kinds of goods, attended with great expence and delay; and even since the above-mentioned relief was obtained, the fees on shipping Coals have already been doubled, from a misinterpretation of a statute, passed in 1785, and still considering every part of this River as open sea.

In England, goods of every kind can pass from the Spurn point, quite across the island by inland navigations, down the Frith of the Mersey on to Liverpool, and some miles further, without ever going near a Customhouse; while here on this River, the smallest quantity, even of lime for manure, a boll or two of seed corn, and the like, cannot pass a peer end, unless in Ferry boats, and some goods not by them, without a Customhouse clearance; and scarcely a single lighter can pass from the nearest parts of the Forth, to or from the Glasgow Canal Navigation, without a bond and cocket, attended with much charge and delay.

The expence and great waste of time to mariners and traders, and the hurt done by this illegal, (and as to revenue useless) practice to the trade, manufactures, and agriculture on the banks of this Noble River, and to the Canal Navigation in particular, especially during the last twelve or fifteen years, is exceedingly great, and indeed beyond conception, to persons not well acquainted with trade. This continued suspension of law, contrary to the treaty of Union, in regard to this the first River in Scotland, after repeated applications for relief, may perhaps now be considered as a badge of our slavery, and the bearing it longer, as an indication of a great decay of the ancient Scotch spirit.

It is therefore hoped, that the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Traders, and Corporations, interested in the trade of the Forth, and particularly the Managers of the Canal, will attend the Meeting by themselves or doers, and contribute their endeavours for obtaining relief from this illegal oppression. Nothing more is intended or desired as to the Forth, but that the law shall have the same free execution on that River, that it has on all similar English ones.

Such persons or Societies, who have not already paid up their subscriptions, and others who may still chuse to contribute, will please to pay the money to Mr John Buchan, clerk to the signet, agent for the Association; and any applications or information to the Meeting, are desired to be addressed to Mr Buchan.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, Feb. 28.

Whitehall, Feb. 28.

THE King has been pleased to grant the dignity of a Marquis of the kingdom of Great Britain to the Right Hon. Granville Leveson, Earl Gower, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, and the heirs-male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, stile, and title of Marquis of the county of Stafford.

War-Office, Feb. 28. 1786.

2d Regiment of dragoon guards, John Stanislaus Townshend, Gent. is appointed to be Cornet, vice Beauchamp Proctor. Ensign Edward Hoare Reeves, of the 31st regiment, to be Cornet, vice Robert Gordon.

18th Regiment of foot, Ensign James Garth, of the 36th regiment, to be Ensign, vice John Bell.

31st Regiment of foot, William Say, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Edward Hoare Reeves.

32d Regiment of foot, John Hicks, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Henry Mordaunt Clavering.

36th Regiment of foot, John Campbell, Gent. to be Ensign, vice James Garth.

38th Regiment of foot, Lieutenant Cornelius Cuyler, from the half-pay of the 55th regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Cooke.

59th Regiment of foot, The Rev. —— Phillips to be Chaplain, vice Thomas O'Meara.

63d Regiment of foot, Captain George Henry Gordon, of the 12th dragoons, to be Captain of a company, vice John B. Roberts.

70th Regiment of foot, James Eiston, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Thomas Smith.

Lieutenant Anthony Pasqueda, from the half pay of the 60th regiment, to be Fort Major of Sheerness, vice Alexander Hamilton.

LLOYD's LIST, *Feb.* 28.

THE Helena, Aden, from Embden to London, is on shore three miles from Yarmouth. Another hoy is on shore near the same place, and only the Captain saved.

The Hercules, Rehder, from Hamburg to London, after having been at sea, is returned to Hamburg with the loss of anchors and cables.

The Adolphe Fredrick, Claason, from Gottenburg to China, was well the 15th of June last, in the Straits of Sunda.

The Pr. Gustaff, Tranchell, from Gottenburg to China, was well the 15th of August last, in the Straits of Sunda.

The Prosperity, M'Kibbon, from Belfast to Gottenburg and the West Indies, is lost on the coast of Holland; the ship is gone to pieces, and very little of the cargo saved.

The Iris, Beck, from Hamburg to St Thomas, is gone to pieces on Yarmouth Beach; great part of the cargo stolen.

The Kepler, Schultz, from Dantzic to Liverpool, is put into a port in Norway.

The Empress, Strathem, from Carron for Amsterdam, put into Wells for the last by stress of weather.

The Minerva, Brunswick, from Hamburg to London, is totally lost off Yarmouth; the crew drowned.

The Maria, Westwick, from Borrowstounness to Falmouth, was lost on the Goodwin Sands the 7th inst.

Captain Hayes, of the Hannanel, arrived off Falmouth from Cadiz, brings an account of the loss of the St Pedro de Alcantara, from Lima for Cadiz, off the Burlings.

Letters from Madeira mention, that on the 2d of January last, they had a violent storm, in which two British vessels in the road with difficulty got to sea, and a Portuguese snow, deserted by her crew, (with half her loading of India corn on board) dragged her anchors, and drove to sea; and as she had not been heard of the 21st of the said month, it is feared she is lost.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

MONDAY, *Feb.* 27.

IN a Committee went through the land-tax bill, and the hay exportation bill, with several amendments.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, *Feb.* 27.

PASSED the American trade bill, the marine mutiny bill, and the bill to regulate the exportation of hops to Ireland.

Report was made from the Select Committee to determine the undue election for Lancaster, in favour of Abram Rawlinson, Esq; the sitting member.

INDIA AFFAIRS.

Mr *Francis* gave notice, that he intended on Tuesday the 7th of March to move for the amendment of a bill towards the better management of the Company's affairs.

Mr *Dundas* at the same time remarked, that he had thoughts of making a similar motion much about the same time.

Mr *Francis* observed, that he believed their motions were different in point of their object; his was not so principally directed to the management of the Company's affairs at home or abroad, as it was to the judicature of that country.

FORTIFICATIONS.

The *Chancellor of the Exchequer* begged the attention of the House to a proposition of the utmost magnitude—a proposition that might indeed be said to involve in it the dignity and prosperity of the kingdom; on which account he hoped that he should be heard with candour and deliberation: he wished, however gentlemen might have heretofore differed in lesser points, through prejudice, party, interest, or misapprehension, that they would be unanimous in discussing so important a question. As he intended to be very explicit on the subject, and to avail himself of no argument, however specious or ingenious, that was not tenable on the principles of common sense, he should be very happy to know if it appears to this House that the fortifications erecting at Plymouth promise to promote the sphere of our commerce, insure our safety, lessen our national expences, add vigour and effect to our fleets; and what may be the least complement of men necessary to man them—which he wished to meet with the fullest and fairest discussion, as he had made up his mind so far on the subject, and examined it so minutely, that he would venture to say, nay, that he was presumptuous to affirm, that there was not any objection that could, in almost every degree of contingency, be made to it: that he would not answer to the full conviction of the unprejudiced; that he was well aware, that a system of fortifications did not meet a favourable reception in the minds of the public, arising, perhaps, to a laudable prejudice, that we owed our wealth and safety to an acorn—that the sea was our native element, and that the moment we deserted it, we deserted our senses. This prejudice he wished to cherish; and this was his object; he wished not only to cherish the arm that launched our thunder on the vindictive foe; but he wished to combine our naval and military force, that heretofore had separately done wonders; and that, when united, must scatter the gloom that hang over this kingdom, sinking beneath the weight of taxes, imposed through the fatal and ill-conducted American war; that ought to teach us sense; that ought to instruct us how to prepare in future, and not to defer that until to-morrow, which should be done to-day: that it was much better to expend 700,000 l. at once, or even a million, in raising a proper strength, than to pay at the rate of 150,000 l. a-year on an average, in erecting forts that tended very little to the preservation of this island in the moment of danger. That through the industry of some, who seemed anxious to warp every thing that came from that side of the House, it was insinuated, as he had already observed, that the system of fortification was novel; he believed the present system was only novel in the superior excellence of it; it had gone abroad too, and every nerve was exerted to render it specious, that it was a plan intended to increase the military force of this kingdom; but so far from this being the object of it, that it was ultimately intended as the diminution of that force. With respect to the idea entertained, that it was merely intended to increase the military power, he was much surprised to find that any gentleman, after reading the report of the Board Officers, now on the table, with respect to those fortifications, should once hesitate in joining issue with opinions, laid down, as it were, with rule and compass; a Board instituted for the direct purpose of satisfying every objection that could possibly be started with regard to the most eligible mode of national defence; a Board composed intirely of gentlemen of the first heads and the first hearts in their professional lines, and in the love of their country, on whose opinions he had a reliance so firm, that all his feelings united in seconding their incontrovertible assertion; a Board that originated not through the public desire of executive government, but through a vote of volition, that anticipated in some measure that desire; a Board that appeared so concordant in their opinions, that the stamp of unanimity might be placed on them; insomuch, as only two in the military line had dissented, one of whom he saw in his place (General Burgoyne) and the other was absent (Lord Percy) a nobleman endowed with the most amiable qualities of private life, and the most exalted public; a nobleman for whom he entertained so high a respect, that it would be waste of time to search for words to express it, as they would prove inadequate in the end; yet what did the Hon. General lay down as the cause of his secession? Why, that we could not spare a sufficient number of men to man those fortifications; yet this assertion could be easily got over, when it was considered, that in the late ruinous war it required 16,000 men to man those garrisons, and he would engage it should not require above 20,000 to fill them when properly completed. One gentleman in the naval line, who assisted at that Board, (Captain M'Bride) had retracted his opinion, it is true, which did not a little surprise him, as he entertained the highest respect for that gallant officer; but he had this pleasure to support his private opinion, that as the Board was composed of the first general officers, naval and military, was now so clearly set forth in the Report, that it required no comment; an opinion not dictated, but entirely left to the gentlemen themselves, as might easily appear on a comparison with the answers to his Majesty's letter of enquiry; and he was happy to find, that this system of fortification was not in the teeth of the naval officers.

Captain *M'Bride* begged leave to assure the Hon. Gentleman, that if it was not literally in their teeth, it did not meet with their concurrence; that they had only declared the impossibility of the enemy landing in Whitsand Bay, unless under such favourable circumstances as hitherto have not presented themselves; that this was the opinion of the naval officers; that Admiral Barrington, with whom he had lately conversed on the subject, was ready to testify this, either in writing or otherwise.

Mr *Pitt* observed, that however high the authority of the great Admiral Barrington was in this point, it did not diminish the opinion he endeavoured to support, with respect to the necessity of those fortifications—even leaving Whitsand Bay out of the question, our dock-yards required a protection, and it was this protection alone that could give vigour to our fleets—it was this that could render them offensive, and not defensive, as they were in the last war, when they were chained up as it were inactive; it was this defence that could have enabled them to hurl destruction into the midst of our foes in that calamitous war, and to have quieted the fears of millions, that could not sleep at ease on their pillows, through the fear of an invasion; adding, that he well remembered on a time in his Majesty's Council, when it was necessary that the fleet should sail to Gibraltar; and that if the enemy had availed themselves of their absence, many gentlemen, who now think slightly of this proposition, would not loll in their present security with folded arms; and that in the present system he had nothing more in view than to lessen the military, especially the foreign mercenaries; and that he believed every honest Briton would rather hear of a garrison filled with the militia of his own country, than to trust his security to a Hanoverian, whose God and country was their pay.

Mr *Bastard* reprobated the idea of the fortifications in question, as unconstitutional and unnecessary, making an amendment to that effect, and at the same time inimical to the spirit of the country, that never reposed with so much safety as under the shadow of a sail-cloth; declaring, that he knew not what a Briton should think, if the flag in which victory had so often perched, was to be torn from the main-mast, and planted on the head of a garrison; and that the measure was so unpopular, that he did not believe the Hon. Gentleman could get the militia to fill his Quixotonian castels, which appeared to him to be nothing less than so many nurseries for Prætorian bands—and that the Board, of which the Hon. Gentleman so highly boasted, were constituted to further the views rather of an individual, than a generous unsuspecting nation—a Board, at which neither an Amherst, Conway, or Townshend assisted.

Sir *William Lemon*, and Gen *Burgoyne*, went nearly over the same ground.

Lord *Hood* contended that the fortifications were necessary, as the naval power of France was grown to an unexpected height; but acknowledged, in the end, that our safety lay in our floating bulwarks—and that we should always, he trusted, be able for France and other powers united therein.

Lord North, Mr Fox, Gen Burgoyne, Col. Barre, Lord Mulgrave, Lord G. Lennox, Mr Sheridan, and many other gentlemen, likewise spoke on this important question.

At half past six o'clock the House divided on the question, "that the words in the original motion, which it was the object of Mr Bastard's amendment to have expunged, should stand part of the motion," when it appeared that the numbers were,

Ayes, —— 169
Noes, —— 169

The numbers being thus eqnal, it rested with the Speaker to give the casting voice, which he did against the original motion, and declaring that the *Noes* had carried the question. The Chancellor of the Exchequer's original motion being by this decision reduced simply to these words, "Resolved, that it appears to this House;" the next question that was to be put was, that the words proposed by Mr Bastard, stating the inexpediency of adopting the plan recommended by the Board of Officers, should be inserted in the room of th se that had been expunged; but as the Chancellor of the Exchequer did not wish that such resolution should be entered upon the journals, moved the order of the day, in order to get rid of it.

Before the House rose, Mr Fox said, that the motions which Mr Burke was to have made this day (Tuesday) for papers relative to Mr Hastings, could not be made before Wednesday, on which day they probably would be made by his Right Honourable Friend, who on this day was prevented by illness, from attending his duty in that House: a fortunate circumstance for the Speaker, as it had given him an opportunity, which he otherwise would not have had, of gaining immortal honour to himself, by the casting voice he had given upon the first division.

Mr *Bastard* said he would not press his amendment, if the Chancellor of the Exchequer would pledge himself not to revive a system that had been just reprobated by the House.

The *Chancellor of the Exchequer* replied, that the House having clearly expressed its opinion on the subject, that opinion should be a law to him.

Mr *Bastard* said, he was satisfied.

The House adjourned at about half past Seven this Morning, (Tuesday) to Wednesday.

LONDON, *Feb.* 28.

The present scheme for fortifying the Dock-yards being the principal topic of conversation in the military-coffee-houses, Major ——— sagaciously observed on Saturday night at the Till-yard to a naval officer, that "the best *stationary* force for the protection of Plymouth and Portsmouth would be the Wooden Walls of Old England—because" said the honest Hibernian, "you know, my dear, they would always be ready to *follow* the enemy."

It is remarkable that the English nation, which has generally taken the lead in improvements, innovations, and discoveries, should be so backward in its military systems. We are now beginning to fortify at a time that fortifications are literally losing ground throughout the rest of Europe. The French strain every nerve to maintain a powerful navy, to the entire neglect of their fortresses. The Emperor carries the principle still farther; and has actually destroyed several of his strongholds in the Netherlands. We all know that the ramparts of *Ghent* have been lately demolished; those of *Courtrai* have been levelled with the ground; and *Bruges* is now left without a single redoubt to protect the bason or the arsenal; and yet the latter is no less liable to be *bombarded* than the dock-yards either of Portsmouth or Plymouth.

As the King of France has prohibited his Nobility and Gentry from coming over to spend their money in England, and has put such a marked disgrace upon English gentlemen as to prohibit them from using their own carriages, by imposing a tax of above half the value, and 50 per cent. more than upon those of any other nation, it is hoped the people at Dover will tar and feather all Englishmen who go there for no other purpose than to spend their money but not any traders, for trade like water will find its own level at last.

Saturday a writ of summons was issued for calling up his Royal Highness Prince Frederick, Bishop of Osnaburgh, to the House of Peers, by the title of Duke of York, which was sent to his Royal Highness at Hanover.

Sir Grey Cooper is elected without opposition for Richmond in Yorkshire, and has taken the oaths and his seat.

Thursday, Mr Dudley Long presented to the House of Commons minutes of the evidence of Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Stuart, taken by the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Judicature in Bengal. The same was ordered to be printed.

A gold coinage in guineas and half guineas from new dyes, the date of the present year, is just commencing at the Mint in the Tower, which will be ready for delivery in April.

The snow which fell Yesterday has so clogged the streets of the Metropolis, that a number of men were last night and this morning employed to clear it away, and open the Channels. Thames Street was almost impassable till the labourers went to work.

Mr Pitt (above a fortnight ago) intimated in the House of Commons, that he should lay the state of the finances before them, and appoint a Committee to inspect the accounts, which should be divided into two heads; first, a comparative state of the revenue, with the disbursements; and then, to state what might hereafter be the probable surplus in consequence of which, a state of the expences of last year has been made up, and compared with the income for the same, and is as follows:

Expenditure from Jan. 5. 1785, to Jan. 5. 1786.

Navy	—	—	L.	2,551,307
Army	—	—		2,286,263
Ordnance	—	—		392,855
Deficiencies of former year,		—		1,612,908
Miscellaneous expences		—		394,534
Exchequer Bills,	—	—		2,500,000
Interest on ditto	—	—		280,000
Interest on the funded debt		—		9,466,940
Civil List	—	—		900,000
			L.	20,124,807

Revenue and ways and means for 1785.

Net amount of taxes, Jan. 5. 1786		—	L.	12,499,916
Net land and malt taxes,		—		2,450,000
Various balances which remained in the Exchequer, and various sums paid in by accountants		—		730,667
Exchequer Bills renewed		—		2,500,000
Borrowed of the Bank on Exchequer bills, to avoid a loan in 1785		—		1,000,000
			L.	19,180,583
Deficiency 5th Jan. 1786		—		944,224
			L.	20,124,807

In the above state, no notice is taken of the Lottery, because the whole profits were given to the Loyalists; so the public have only the use of the money until the prizes shall be paid.

If the Bank insist on the payment of the three millions due to them, there will be four millions wanted this year.

Yesterday, at Guildhall, No. 16,258 was drawn a prize of 1000 l.

No. 6466, 36,185, 41,364, 19,075, prizes of 500 l.

No. 17,887, a prize of 100 l.

And the following prizes of 50 l. each:

No. 31,134, 38,381, 20,073, 45,636, 47,204, 46,895, 24,316, 40,879, 32,909, 15,167.

This day, at Guildhall, No. 27,964 was drawn a prize of 10,000 l.

No. 13,241, 8259, prizes of 500 l.

No. 48,848, 20,137, 30,217, 5931, prizes of 100 l.

And the following prizes of 50 l. each:

No. 20,358, 10,284, 2873, 40,871, 46,969, 41,361, 1689.

WIND AT DEAL, Feb. 27. E.

No business done this day at 'Change.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, Feb. 28.

"Owing to the very late hour at which the House of Commons rose this morning, and the indisposition of the Speaker, there was no attendance this day, the House having, at its rising, adjourned over till to-morrow, when the Navy Estimates will be brought forward, and a considerable debate most probably take place thereupon.

"On Thursday, the consideration of the petitions against the shop-tax will be farther proceeded upon, and counsel again heard thereon; and, on Friday, Mr Francis will make an important motion respecting the affairs of the East India Company; and the friends of Ministry, and the Opposition, have been alike requested to attend, as both parties mean then to try their strength.

"The defeat of the Minister with respect to the fortifications has given great spirits to the friends of Opposition. They have got the better of him in one of the most material questions that can possibly come before the House, in which not only the honour, but the very existence of this nation was involved. They say, one of two things must be the case—either that the Minister does not understand the true interest of Great Britain; or, if he does, that he is highly culpable in pursuing an opposite course, and consequently not entitled to the confidence of the nation. Nothing but a conviction of this could have induced so many of his former friends to desert him on this important occasion. So alarmed is the Cabinet at this defeat, and so apprehensive of its consequences, that they immediately made several new Peers;—for one, Lord Gower is a Marquis.

"It was this morning said, that the Duke of Richmond would shortly resign, on account of the rejection of his favourite plan for fortifying the docks of Portsmouth and Plymouth.

"The appointment of Mr Vansittart to be Chief in Council in Bengal, was a matter agreed upon previous to the choice of Earl Cornwallis to the government, in consideration of that gentleman having been promised the Governorship. Mr Macpherson, it is said, comes home."

Yesterday was married here, Daniel Macgregor, Esq; of Inverarderan, Captain in the Honourable the East India Company's service, to Miss Ann Austin, eldest daughter of the late Dr Adam Austin, physician.

Upon the 28th ult. Lady Hannah Hay was safely delivered of a daughter at Hatton.

Thursday died at Jedburgh, Miss Barbara Douglas, daughter of the deceased Mr Thomas Douglas. It is hoped her relations will accept of this notification of her death.

Mrs Margaret Grieve, spouse to John Balfour, jun merchant in Edinburgh, died yesterday morning.

The Reverend Mr William Vilant, minister of the gospel at Kingsbarns, in Fife, died there the 27th ult. sincerely and justly regretted.

The office of one of the Judges of the Court of Session, which has been very long vacant, is now filled up. William Nairne, Esq; Advocate, is appointed in room of Lord Kennet, deceased. Yesterday Mr Nairne presented to the Court his Majesty's letter appointing him Judge, which was ordered to be recorded. The appointment of this gentleman to be one of the Judges, gives general satisfaction to the Court, the gentlemen at the bar, and the public.

From the above appointment it appears, that the plan for reducing the number of the Scots Judges is given up; but it is said a bill will soon be brought in for encreasing their salaries, which are certainly too small.

David Smyth, Esq; of Methven is appointed Sheriff-depute of the county of Perth, in room of William Nairne, Esq; and this day took the oaths appointed by Government to qualify him for that office.

Thursday last, the Court of Session came again to give judgment in the cause concerning the Gas

he Dictionary, an account of which, when laſt before the Court, appeared in our paper of Saturday the 21ſt of January. By the former deciſion, the Subſcribers indiſcriminately were found liable to the author Mr Shaw for their ſubſcription-money, and alſo in expences of proceſs. Againſt this judgment the defenders preſented a reclaiming petition, which was ordered to be anſwered. Upon adviſing this petition and anſwers, on Thurſday, their Lordſhips were pleaſed to alter their former interlocutor; and to find, that thoſe Subſcribers, who refuſed to receive their copies of the Dictionary, or did receive, and afterwards returned them, were not liable in payment of the ſubſcription-money or expences; but adhered to their former interlocutor, as to thoſe defenders who received their copies of the Dictionary, and did not return them.

Mr Clarke's prediction of the extraordinary tide which was to take place yeſterday, alarmed many of the inhabitants of Leith, and carried a great number of people from Edinburgh to witneſs the effects of it. Both, however, met with a diſappointment. The tide was not near ſo high as upon many ſimilar occaſions, nor, indeed, as it was the day preceding. High tides may always be expected a little before the vernal, and a little after the autumnal equinox; in which there is nothing new or wonderful, being eaſily accounted for on the principles of aſtronomy.

The ſeverity of the weather, and a number of colliers in the neighbourhood of this city refuſing to work for ſeveral days paſt, have occaſioned a temporary ſcarcity of coals. The retail dealers in that neceſſary article, taking advantage of this, have ſhamefully impoſed upon the poorer claſs of inhabitants, who purchaſe their coals in ſmall quantities. One porter, who deals in that commodity, carried his impoſition to ſo great height, as to charge his poor cuſtomers the extravagant price of 10 d. per hundred weight. If the Magiſtrates cannot reſtrain their own ſervants, which we preſume the porters are, from ſuch practices, they can certainly ſhew their own deteſtation of them, by diſmiſſing thoſe harpies from their employment.

Prices of the beſt oat meal in Edinburgh market eleven-pence the peck; ſecond ſort tenpence halfpenny; third ſort tenpence. Peaſe meal, the beſt ſort eightpence halfpenny, ſecond ſort eightpence.—Bear meal, eightpence. Potatoes, ſixpence.

The petition of the Shop keepers of Glaſgow, to the Houſe of Commons, againſt the ſhop-tax, was forwarded Tueſday night, by expreſs, to the Right Hon. the Lord Advocate.

Laſt Friday was fought at Dunſe, a Welch main, or a main of 16 cocks. The matches afforded *excellent ſport* to the ſpectators. The prizes were, a ſaddle to the cock who won the laſt match, and a bridle to him who fought the laſt match with the winner. There was a numerous concourſe of people, all of whom expreſſed the higheſt *ſatisfaction* and *pleaſure* at the *very humane* entertainment. The evening was concluded with very plenriful libations to *Bacchus*, who we never before heard was a favourer of barbarity, and to whom the favour of ſuch ſacrifices certainly could not be very acceptable.

On Tueſday the 21ſt ult. the Jenny, Steil, from Greenock to Antigua, was drove aſhore on the Iſle of Arran, ſix miles to the ſouthward of Lamlaſh. The crew and paſſengers are all ſaved. Moſt of the cargo will be got out; but it is feared the ſhip will be loſt.

Extract of a letter from Aberdeen, March 1.

"Yeſterday came on here the election of a Member of Parliament for this county. The candidates were, Mr Fergufon of Pitfour, and Mr Skene of Skene. Mr Fergufon was generally known to have the ſanction of a certain very powerful influence; he was alſo ſupported by his own perſonal friends, and the intereſt of the family of Gordon. Mr Skene reſted his pretenſions upon the attachment and regard of a moſt reſpectable body of independent freeholders, and the ſtrong and able ſupport of the Earl of Fife. Lord Fife was choſen preſes, in oppoſition to Sir Archibald Grant, by a majority of eleven. About 12 o'clock at night the vote was put, and there appeared a majority of *ten* in favour of Mr Skene, 62 having voted for him, and 52 for Mr Fergufon. Each of the candidates addreſſed the meeting in very elegant terms. Mr Skene expatiated with great force and feeling upon the ſtriking proofs he had received, from firſt to laſt, of the fervent and ſteady zeal and affection of his friends, many of whom were the early and intimate companions of his youth. He thanked them for the honour they had done him, but more for the manner in which they had done it. He had been returned by the free ſuffrages of independent electors, in oppoſition to thoſe miniſterial mandates, which had been ineffectually employed for the Hon. Gentleman his opponent. He declared himſelf to be totally unconnected with party, and that the intereſt of that extenſive and reſpectable county, which had honoured him with ſo diſtinguiſhing a mark of their confidence, and of the country at large, ſhould be the only rule of his public conduct.

"Mr Fergufon's addreſs did equal honour to his abilities and feelings, and he acquitted himſelf in every reſpect with the utmoſt propriety.

"The buſineſs was conducted by Lord Fife as Preſes, to the entire ſatisfaction of both parties; his Lordſhip having, in particular, throughout the courſe and fatigue of the day, kept up the ſpirits of the meeting with much pleaſantry and good humour. Indeed, there never was leſs heat or altercation on any ſimilar occaſion.

"When the event was made known to the town, the moſt general joy appeared among all ranks of people; but no riot or tumult took place.—The exultation and triumph, even of the mob, were orderly.

"In ſhort, there never was a Gentleman introduced into Parliament in a manner more truly flattering, or upon a more independent and honourable footing."

Extract of a letter from Paiſley, Feb. 28.

"The Right Honourable the Counteſs of Glaſgow, with that humanity and goodneſs which mark her Ladyſhip's character, and add dignity to her high rank, has been pleaſed to order one hundred carts of coals to be diſtributed among the poor of the town and ſuburbs of Paiſley. This ſeaſonable charity, with near 300 l. which, to the honour of the manufacturers and others in that neighbourhood, was, in the courſe of a day or two, ſubſcribed for the relief of the poor, has, to many indigent families, greatly ſoftened the ſeverities of the winter, and removed much of the diſtreſs which a temporary ſtagnation in ſome branches of the manufactures might have produced among this induſtrious inhabitants of this place."

Ticket No. 27,964, a prize of TEN THOUSAND POUNDS the twentieth day's drawing, was divided in *One Half, One Fourth, One Eighth, and Two Sixteenths*, by *Meſſrs Richardſon and Goodluck*, London.

On their account, variety of Tickets and Shares, arrived by this poſt, *warranted undrawn*, may be had at WHITE and MITCHEL'S, oppoſite to the Tron Church, Edinburgh; and no where elſe in Scotland, on their account.

The price regulated by the prizes undrawn.

At this and Meſſ. Richardſon and Goodluck's office in London, moſt of the Capital Prizes in this Lottery yet drawn has been ſold, *viz.*

No. 5473,	L. 5000,	Second day.	
31,463,	1000,	Fourth day.	
3047,	2000,	Sixth day.	
18,137,	1000,	Tenth day.	
29,179,	1000,	Thirteenth day.	
18,471,	500,	Thirteenth day.	
24,143,	2000,	Fourteenth day.	
16,258,	1000,	Nineteenth day.	
6466,	500,		
36,185,	500,		
41,364,	500,		
And 27,964,	10,000,	Twentieth day.	

Money, at current value, for the prizes, ſo ſoon as drawn.

The Half of Ticket, No. 27,964, a prize of Ten Thouſand Pounds, by this poſt, belongs to a club of twenty people, at Lime-houſe.

FIARS *of Mid-Lothian, crop and year* 1785.

Beſt Wheat,	L. 1 0 9	Second ditto,	0 8 6
Blacked ditto,	0 18 9	Beſt Oatmeal, by weight, 8 ſtone per boll,	0 14 0
Beſt Barley,	0 14 0		
Blanded ditto,	0 12 0	Peaſe,	0 12 0
Rough Bear,	0 11 0		
Beſt Oats,	0 11 0		

FIARS *of the county of Fife, crop* 1785.

	Sterling.		Sterling.
Wheat,	L. 0 18 7	Meal by meaſure,	0 13 0
Bear,	0 10 10	Rye,	0 10 0
Oats,	0 10 0	Peaſe and beans,	0 10 2
Meal by wt.	0 14 0	Malt,	0 16 0

FIARS *of Commiſſariot of Glaſgow, crop* 1785.

Meal, 14s. 7d. } per boll.
Bear, 11s. 9½d. }

FIARS *for Hamilton and Campſie, crop* 1785.

Meal, 13s. 8d. } per boll.
Bear, 11s. 9d. }

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

SIR,

YOU would ſave yourſelf and your readers a great deal of unneceſſary trouble, if you would adviſe your correſpondents to make themſelves acquainted with a ſubject before they begin to write upon it. There ſeems to be a ſtrong propenſity at preſent to throw out a deal of vague declamation about a Poors Rate; and the moſt undigeſted, impracticable ſchemes and hints are given. Your correſpondent A. C. of Monday, is exactly in this predicament. He ſets up a man of ſtraw to combat with; and in the conteſt he throws every thing into confuſion within his reach. He would have no Charity Workhouſe. He would have the poor, the helpleſs, and the infirm, to work for their *amuſement* in their own houſes; and *moſt ſagaciouſly* would turn in the Profeſſors of the Univerſity to ſupply their places. But he does not reflect, that if the poor, the helpleſs, and infirm, could have worked for their *ſupport*, (far leſs for their *amuſement*) they would not have been upon the charity; and our celebrated Profeſſors, by whoſe labours the city receives ſo much emolument, will hardly thank your correſpondent for his kind intentions.

To prevent the evils of ſuch a plan as the one your correſpondent propoſes, the Charity Workhouſe, by the united voices of all members of the community, was at firſt inſtituted.

But it would be tedious and inſulting to your readers to expoſe the extravagancies and miſinformation of ſuch a writer. Therefore, to reduce all this outcry, looſe declamation, and vague aſſertion, to ſome ſort of form, I beg leave to ſtate the following points:—

1ſt, That the poor muſt be maintained.

2d, That it is for the benefit of the community that this ſhould be done in the moſt equitable and frugal manner poſſible.

Can any man deny the truth of theſe propoſitions? and has any thing more been propoſed? When the mode of ſupply is brought forward, then let the opinions of the inhabitants be collected as to what may be the beſt. Some people rant and rave about the term *Poors Rate*, although every inhabitant (except the College of Juſtice) has paid a Poors Rate theſe hundred years; and there is no intention, in my opinion, by the application of the Magiſtrates, but to make an aſſeſſment equal and certain.

Money muſt be provided for the maintenance of the poor, or they muſt be allowed to die—or they muſt be put to death. Now this money, (if theſe alternatives are not to be put in practice) call it *Poors Money—Poors Rates—Aſſeſſment—Collections*, or what you will, it comes all to the ſame purpoſe. The word *Rate* ſeems to have as ſtrong an effect upon ſome people, as the word *hobgoblin* to children in the dark. What is propoſed in Edinburgh has no relation whatever to the Engliſh Poors Rates. What I have here ſtated I hope is agreeable to COMMON SENSE.

We ſhould willingly oblige our correſpondent XX, by inſerting his favour; but the firſt 14 lines are written in ſo indiſtinct a hand, that we are not certain if we can make out the author's meaning. It will be neceſſary he ſend another copy of theſe.

MONEY WANTED.

WANTED immediately, 1000 l. Sterling, on a transfer to an heritable ſecurity.

Alſo, 300 l. Sterling, on undoubted ſecurity, near Edinburgh. Apply to John Macnab writer to the ſignet.

By Permiſſion,

AT LES VARIETES AMUSANTS,

Back of the Black Bull Inn, PLEASANCE.

This and every Evening next week, being the laſt of performing in this city.

THE ENTERTAINMENTS of this place will be varied and augmented; and in addition to the uſual amuſements, the performances of the Dancing Dogs; the whole conſiſting of the following Varieties.

Act I. Les Ombres Impalpable.—Act II. The Exhibition of the Dancing Dogs.—Act III. The Jockie Hornpipe.—Act IV. The Egyptian Pyramids.—Act V. Ladder Dancing, By Monſieur Ricquet, jun.—Act VI. An Overture, accompanied with the Imitation of the Whiſtling of a Bird.—Act VII. Rope Dancing, by Monſieur Ricquet, jun. whoſe incomparable merit cannot fail to aſtoniſh and pleaſe.—Clown, by Monſieur Dubois, who will dance on the Rope in many comic attitudes.—Act VIII. Surpriſing Agility of Body, commonly called *Tumbling*, by ſeven capital Performers.—Clown, by Monſieur Dubois.

Mr JONES preſents his dutiful reſpects to the Ladies and Gentlemen, and begs leave to inform them, that the Company's ſtay in this city will only be a few days longer, as they are obliged to be in London to prepare for the opening of the Amphitheatre Equeſtrian Academy, on Eaſter Monday.

Doors will be opened at 6ix, and the Entertainments to begin at Seven o'Clock.

Pit and Boxes, 2 s. 6 d.—Slips, 1 s. 6 d.—and Gal. 1 s.

Sale of Houſehold Furniture.

THERE is to be expoſed by public roup, on Monday the 6th March 1786, in that houſe in Fletcher's Land, Chapel ſtreet, lately poſſeſſed by the deceaſed Mrs Fowlis of Ratho,

An elegant aſſortment of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, viz. Mahogany Bed-ſteads, Curtains, Down and Feather Beds, Blankets and Counterpanes, Deſks, Drawers, Tables, Chairs, Grates, Carpets, Mirrors. Great variety of Bed and Table Linens, China and ſilver-plate; a monthly Clock; all ſorts kitchen furniture, an excellent Jack and Lead Ciſtern, &c.

The roup to begin at ten o'clock forenoon each day.

Mrs DALGLEISH and Son, Auctioneers.

An Experienced Cattle-Man is Wanted,

Now or at Whitſunday.

HE muſt perfectly underſtand the buying and ſelling, feeding and management of black cattle and ſheep; he muſt be of undoubted ſobriety and ſtrict honeſty, or it is in vain to apply. If he underſtands the management of a tillage farm, the more agreeable; and ſhould he be fit for an overſeer or book-keeper, his encouragement will be in proportion; though his knowledge in cattle, integrity and ſobriety, are chiefly wanted.

Enquire of Mr Young writer, Weſt Bow, Edinburgh.

N. B. Fine old Hay, crop 1784, to be ſold at the preſent market price, and delivered at Edinburgh in one or more carts, as gentlemen incline. Orders or Letters addreſſed to Mr Young will be regularly attended to.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THAT upon application of JOHN DUDGEON, merchant in Leith, with concurrence qualified in terms of the ſtatute, to the Court of Seſſion, the Lords, upon the 2d March current, ſequeſtrated the whole real and perſonal eſtate of the ſaid JOHN DUDGEON, and appointed his creditors to meet within the Exchange Coffeehouſe of Edinburgh, upon Monday the 13th March current, at twelve o'clock noon, to name an interim factor thereon; and granted commiſſion to any of the Magiſtrates of Edinburgh, to attend ſaid meeting, and to receive their grounds of debt, with the oaths required by the ſtatute.

Theſe are therefore requiring the whole creditors of the ſaid John Dudgeon, by themſelves or their agents, properly authoriſed, to meet at the time and place above mentioned, for the purpoſe aforeſaid; and to bring with them their grounds of debt, and the oaths on the verity thereof, to be produced before the Commiſſioner who ſhall attend ſaid meeting.

First Notice, firſt Term.

THAT in the proceſs of Ranking and Sale, Betty, Mary, and Janet Weirs, children and heirs portioners of the deceaſed William Weir of Birkwood, and John Twaddle in Birkwood, huſband of the ſaid Betty Weir, James Cameron in Kipball, huſband of the ſaid Mary Weir, and William Wightman baker in Edinburgh, huſband of the ſaid Janet Weir, for their intereſt—Againſt JAMES THOMSON of South Cumberhead, and James, John, and William Thomſons his ſons, and their creditors, the Lord Hailes, Ordinary, by his interlocutor dated the 25th February, and ſigned the 1ſt March, of new granted commiſſion and diligence for proving the rental, value, and holding of the ſubjects under ſale, and other points in common form; and of new nominated and appointed the ſaid Lord Hailes, Lord Ordinary himſelf (who was Lord Ordinary of courſe when the ranking and ſale was firſt called in Court), to rank the creditors, and aſſigned the firſt ſederunt day in June next, to the whole creditors of the bankrupts to produce all their claims, rights, and diligences, competent to them reſpectively, againſt the bankrupts or their eſtate, and that for the FIRST TERM; with certification as in a reduction and improbation, and ordained this interlocutor to be inſert in the Edinburgh Evening Courant and Caledonian Mercury, once every week for three weeks ſucceſſively, immediately after that date, to the end it might come to the knowledge of all the parties concerned. THOMAS BRUCE, Clerk.

A HEAD MILLER WANTED

AT THE BAKERS MILLS OF GLASGOW.

AS the HEAD MILLER at the Mills of the Incorporation of Bakers near Glaſgow is now on the decline of life, and has reſigned his office, a PERSON is WANTED to ſucceed him.

In order to qualify him for properly executing the office of Head Miller, it is neceſſary that he ſhould be ſkilled in grain, and acquaint with the management of mills.—It will alſo be incumbent on him to contract for the carriage of the grain manufactured at theſe mills, to and from Glaſgow; and as a conſiderable truſt muſt be repoſed in him, it is requiſite that he find ſecurity to the extent of 500 l. for his faithful management.

Theſe ſuitably qualified, may apply to Deacon Robert [illegible] who will inform them of the money agreed to be given, and the regulations to be obſerved.

Glaſgow, Feb. 17, 1786

A Genteel Houſe in Canongate

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, in John's Coffeehouſe, upon Wedneſday the 29th of March current, at ſix o'clock in the evening, and entered to at Whitſunday next, or ſooner if deſired,

That HOUSE which belonged to and was occupied by the late Rev. Dr George Wiſhart, ſituated within a garden, and having a good carriage entry from the north back of the Canongate, and another entry from the High Street thereof, oppoſite to the Linen Hall. It is quite detached from other buildings, and conſiſts of a kitchen, ſervants room, pantry, larder, cellars, and other accommodations in a half ſunk flat.—Drawing room, parlour, and ſmall bed-room on the firſt floor.—Three bed-chambers, two of them with cloſets on the ſecond floor, and a garret, whole length of the houſe, with lights and fire places, which may be divided into two good garret rooms.

The houſe is ſubſtantially built, almoſt new, and well finiſhed.—There is an area in front incloſed and neatly dreſſed up, and a pretty large garden behind, extending to the north back of Canongate, part of which may be feued to great advantage. The feu-duty payable for the whole ſubjects is only about 20 s. yearly.

The houſe may be ſeen between twelve and two o'clock every day until the day of ſale; and for particulars, enquire at Alexander Aſſleck, Eſq. Exciſe Office, or Meſſ. Young and Trotter, Prince's Street.

If the houſe is not ſold, it will be let for the enſuing year.

University of Edinburgh.

Mr DICK Advocate, Profeſſor of Civil Law, begins a COURSE of LECTURES on Juſtinian's Inſtitutions, upon the 8th March current.

FIFE HUNT

THE Meeting which was appointed to be held at Cupar on Monday the 6th inſtant, is, by order of the Preſes, at the requeſt of ſeveral Members of the Hunt, POSTPONED on account of the froſt.

Speaking and Writing Figures.

IN a few days will be exhibited in this City, that aſtoniſhing piece of Mechaniſm, the SPEARING FIGURE, ſo much admired at Paris, Madrid, and London.—Alſo, An AUTOMATON WRITER, that writes in a legible hand whatever is propoſed to it.

Other particulars will be fully expreſſed in hand bills.

AUCTION OF BOOKS.

TO be ſold by Auction, on Wedneſday the 8th current, at Mr Hay's Edinburgh Vendue, a large and Valuable Collection of Books, in hiſtory, voyages, travels, claſſics, &c. being the library of a gentleman lately deceaſed.

As the books muſt be entirely ſold off, they will be put up at the pleaſure of the company.

The auction to begin each night at ſix o'clock. Catalogues to be had the place of ſale.

SALE OF

Sadlery Goods and Cart Harneſs,

At Greatly Reduced Prices,

In that elegant Warehouſe, ſign of the Running Horſes, BRIDGE STREET.

THE ASSORTMENT is very full, quite freſh, and new faſhioned, and as the whole *muſt* be *ſoon* diſpoſed of, great bargains may be expected.

The handſome Glaſs Caſes, Signs and Counter, almoſt new, to be alſo ſold.

STIRLING, 1d March, 1786.

A SSIZE of BREAD ſet by the Magiſtrates of Stirling, to commence on Monday the 6th current.

	Avoirdupois.	lb.	oz.	dr.
The halfpenny loaf or roll, wheaten, to weigh,		0	5	6
Ditto,	houſehold,	0	7	3
The penny loaf,	wheaten,	0	10	12
Ditto,	houſehold,	0	14	6
The threepenny loaf,	wheaten,	2	0	6
Ditto,	houſehold,	2	11	3
The ſixpenny loaf,	wheaten,	4	0	13
Ditto,	houſehold,	5	6	7
The ſhilling loaf,	wheaten,	8	1	10
Ditto,	houſehold,	10	13	14

Roup of Areas for Stables, &c.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Council Chamber of Edinburgh, on Monday the 13th day of March current, at five o'clock afternoon,

A number of AREAS for Stables and Couch-houſes on the weſt ſide of the Bridge, and on the north of the Fleſh-market, to be built agreeably to a plan which will be ſhown by the City Clerks, in the Council Chamber.

NOTICE

By Order of the Truſtees for the South Bridge.

THERE will be SOLD by public roup, in the month of April or May next,

From 150 to 200 feet in front, of Building Ground on the eaſt ſide of the entry from the High-ſtreet to the Bridge over the Cowgate, having a front of about 36 feet to the High-ſtreet.

The time and place, with other particulars, will be adverſtiſed afterwards.

AT LEITH—FOR OPORTO.

The BACCHUS,

CHARLES ELDER Maſter,

Will ſail the 20th current, and returns directly to Leith with what wines may offer.

For freight, apply to Elder, Archibald, and Co. oppoſite the Tron Church, Edinburgh, or to Thomſon, Croft, and Co. Oporto.

AT LONDON—FOR LEITH.

The LIVINGSTON,

ALEX. GORDON Maſter,

Lying at Hawley's Wharff, taking in goods for Leith, Edinburgh, and all places adjacent, and will ſail 15th March 1786.

N. B. Good accommodation for paſſengers.

The Maſter to be ſpoke with at the New England Coffeehouſe, Threadneedle Street, by the Royal Exchange, at 'Change hours; mornings and evenings on board the ſhip.

FOR OPORTO,

THE MOLLY,

PETER LAWRIE Maſter,

Will ſail from Leith on the 13th March.

Merchants wanting freight home, may apply to Meſſrs Bell and Reanie, or to the Captain.

FOR PHILADELPHIA,

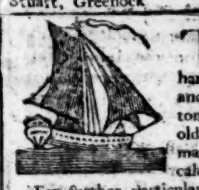
THE SHIP

ALEXANDER,

ALEXANDER RITCHIE Maſter.

She is a good veſſel, ſails faſt, has a new Mediterranean paſs, and excellent accommodations for paſſengers; is expected to be ready to take in goods at Greenock by the 20th of March, and will be clear to ſail by the 10th of April.

For freight or paſſage, apply to Meſſ. Allan and Stewart, Edinburgh, Mr William Donald merchant, Glaſgow, or John Stuart, Greenock.



TO BE SOLD,

THE Sloop, Counteſs of Hyndford,

now lying in the harbour of Leith, with her ſloat-boat and apparelling, between forty and fifty tons burthen, Leith built, four years old. The Sloop is well found, ſails remarkably faſt, and is exceedingly well calculated for the coaſting trade.

For further particulars, apply to Mr William Beatſon, ſhip maſter, Leith.

INTIMATION

To the Creditors of SIMON FRASER Junior, Merchant in Inverneſs.

AT a Meeting of the Creditors of ſaid Simon Fraſer, held at Inverneſs the 21ſt day of February laſt, James Macdonnell merchant in Inverneſs (the factor in the ſequeſtration) was choſen truſtee for the creditors. It is therefore requeſted, that ſuch of the creditors as have not already produced their grounds of debt do forthwith lodge the ſame with the truſtee; and that thoſe who are indebted to the ſaid Simon Fraſer ſhall immediately make payment to the truſtee.

The above meeting did likewiſe appoint the creditors meet in the houſe of John Ettles vintner in Inverneſs, on the 15th day of March current, at twelve o'clock to give ſuch further directions to the truſtee with regard the management of the ſaid Simon Fraſer's effects as them ſhall appear neceſſary.—Of which this intimation is given to all concerned.

To be LET, and entered to at Whitſunday next,

THE HOUSE in Regiſter Street, be-

hind Prince's Street, preſently poſſeſſed by Mr Hallion as a Coffeehouſe and Tavern; either in its preſent ſtate, or the great room lately divided, may again be laid into one for a public ſhew or ſale room, which the proprietor would prefer.

The ſituation of this houſe, entitled to all the benefits of the Royalty, without being liable to any of the public burdens, renders it very fit for either of the above purpoſes, and will be a very great ſaving to any poſſeſſor.

If not Let together, the large room will be fitted up as a public ſale room, and the other parts of the houſe let ſeparately from Whitſunday next.

For further particulars apply to Meſſrs Montgomery and Steele, confectioners in Prince's Street.

Not to be repeated.

TO be SOLD by auction, at the houſe of John Campbell vintner in Perth, on Tueſday the 21ſt day of March 1786, betwixt the hours of twelve and two,

The Eſtate of Lednock, in the pariſh

of Methven and county of Perth, pleaſantly ſituated on the banks of the Almond, which river runs along the ſouth ſide of the eſtate for about a mile, and gives great command of water. There are ſeveral falls, which makes it convenient for erecting mills of various kinds, with ground proper for bleaching, and plenty of ſtone fit for building. The whole is incloſed, and great part ſubdivided. There is a convenient manſion-houſe, with a good garden and orchard, and ſome thriving plantations.

Any perſon chuſing to make a private bargain, for further particulars may enquire of Walter Miller writer in Perth, or James Miller writer in Edinburgh.

N. B. The upſet price will be 3500l.

LANDS IN BERWICKSHIRE.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, upon Wedneſday the 8th day of March 1786, betwixt the hours of 5 and 6 afternoon,

The LANDS of MUIRCLEUGH, lying in the pariſh of Lauder and ſhire of Berwick, conſiſting of about 400 acres, of which a conſiderable part is arable. Theſe lands are at preſent low rented, on a leaſe whereof only a very few years are to run, and are poſſeſſed by an induſtrious tenant, who is yearly increaſing their value by judicious improvements.

The articles of roup and title-deeds to be ſeen in the hands of Robert Walker, writer in Edinburgh; to whom, or to the proprietor at Birkhillſide, perſons inclining to make a private bargain may apply betwixt and the day of ſale

James Ker, tenant at Muircleugh, will ſhow the lands.

LINT MILL TO LET,

AND GROUND TO BE FEUED FOR BUILDING,

In the County of Roxburgh.

TO be LET for ſuch number of years as can be agreed on, and entered to at Whitſunday next,

The LINT MILL, Dwelling-houſe, and Yard thereof, belonging to Robert Walker of Wooden. This mill is ſituated on the river Tweed, about half a mile from the town of Kelſo, and in the midſt of a rich and populous country, where great quantities of flax are raiſed yearly. There is no other lint mill within twelve miles of the above, which is therefore very much employed.

ALSO,

Ground to be Feued for Building, contiguous to the ſaid mill As there is a good quarry on the above ground, plenty of ſtones may be had at very ſmall expence.

For further particulars, apply to Mr Adam Walker at Wooden, or to the proprietor at his houſe in Edinburgh.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the houſe of James Wingate vintner in Stirling, on Friday the 31ſt of March curt.

The FARM of MILLTOWN of BAN-

NOCKBURN, lying in the pariſh of St Ninian's, and theſe ACRES in the Burrow Muir of Stirling, which belonged to the deceaſed Provoſt Chriſtie.

For further particulars, apply to William Campbell, Eſq; of Fairfield at Edinburgh, or Mr Alexander Littlejohn writer, Stirling.

Roup of Graſs Parks

At Carmichael in the county of Lanark.

TO be SET by public roup, at Weſtmains of Carmichael, in the pariſh of Carmichael, and county of Lanark, upon Wedneſday the 29th day of March curt. ſundry GRASS PARKS at that place and at Weſtraw. They are all old graſs, well fenced, ſheltered, and watered. The entery to commence the firſt day of April, and to remove the firſt day of November.

James Carmichael, overſeer to the Earl of Hyndford, will ſhow the parks and articles of ſet.

The roup to begin at ten o'clock forenoon.

Manſion Houſe of Grange,

A mile South from Edinburgh,

TO be LET for ſuch number of years as may be agreed on, and entered to at Whitſunday next.

The HOUSE conſiſts of three ſtories and garrets. In the ground ſtorey, a vaulted kitchen, a large hall or waiting room, a parlour and large cloſet, cellar and pantry. In the ſecond ſtorey, a dining-room, drawing room, and bed-chamber. In the third ſtorey, four bed-rooms, and two light cloſets. Adjoining to the houſe, is a complete ſet of offices, waſhing-houſe, &c. &c. A ſmall graſs incloſure. A large garden in high order, ſtocked with fruit trees of the beſt kinds. A tenant may be accommodated with a quantity of excellent flower roots, &c.

There are likewiſe three Graſs Parks, one of ſeven acres 36 falls to the eaſt of the houſe, another of near three acres to the weſt, and one near the Sciennes, of ſix acres and an half. They have been for many years in graſs, and will be ſet along with the houſe, or ſeparately.

The Houſe and Garden may be ſeen any Tueſday, Thurſday, and Saturday, from eleven forenoon, to half an hour after one o'clock. The incloſures will be ſhown by Andrew Forreſt, gardener at Grange. For further particulars apply to Mr Cumin, writer to the ſignet, Prince's Street.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, on Wedneſday the 22d day of March current, betwixt the hours of four and five afternoon,

The EAST HALF of a TENEMENT of LAND, with a Yard, Barn-yard, Malt-barn, Kiln, and other pertinents, in the ſouth part of the town of Preſtonpans, poſſeſſed at preſent by Stewart Hogg, and others, rent 10l. Sterling, held feu of the proprietor of Preſtongrange, for payment of 10d. Sterling of feu-duty.

A TENEMENT, with the Yard, Tail, Malt-barn, Kiln, and other pertinents, in the Dam-brae of Muſſelburgh, extending from the miln-lead on the north to the high road to Newbigging on the ſouth, poſſeſſed by John Aitchiſon diſtiller, David Moffat, and others, rent 21l. Sterling, held burgage of the town of Muſſelburgh. This laſt either in one or two lots, as purchaſers ſhall appear.

For further particulars, apply to John Kedzlie farmer in Newbigging, or to Anthony Barclay writer to the ſignet at Edinburgh, who will ſhew the title-deeds and conditions of ſale.

TO be SOLD by public roup, on Monday the 13th day of March current, in the Britiſh Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, betwixt the hours of ſix and ſeven afternoon,

That New-Built HOUSE at the head

of the Hard-well Cloſe, Croſcauſway, built by Mr George Hogg wright. To be ſet up either in whole or in flats. as purchaſers ſhall incline. The houſe to be ſhown by Mr Hogg, or William Alexander cabinet-maker, Briſto Street.

The progreſs of writs, and articles of ſale, to be ſeen in the hands of John Sommerville, writer in Edinburgh.

2d March, 1786.

TO be FEUED to the higheſt bidder, within the houſe of Alexander Laidlaw, on the Coal-hill of Leith, on Tueſday the 7th day of March 1786 years, at five o'clock afternoon,

That TENEMENT of LAND fronting

St Andrew's Street, near the Horſe Wynd of Leith, with the Lofts, Brewery, Stable, and whole Pertinents, part whereof alſo fronts the ſtreet, called Longateſide, and are commonly known by the name of *Cruden's Brewerie*.

Theſe ſubjects are of conſiderable extent, and highly improveable, as they front two ſtreets, and lie in a very centrical part of the town of Leith.

The conditions of feu to be ſeen in the hands of the Town-clerk of Leith, who will inform as to any particulars wanted.

JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS, IN THE SHIRE OF FIFE.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within the Parliament or New Seſſion houſe of Edinburgh, upon Tueſday the 7th day of March curt. between the hours of four and ſix afternoon,

THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

Which belonged to Thomas Shanks of Ceres Mill, now deceaſed, in the lots underwritten.

LOT I. The Lands of WESTER PITSCOTTIE, with the teinds and pertinents thereof, lying within the pariſh of Ceres, and ſhire of Fife. The proven free rent whereof, after all deductions, is 61 l. 4 s. 5 d. 8-12ths Sterling; and the upſet-price being twenty-two years purchaſe of ſaid rent is 1346 l. 18 s. 4 d. 8-12ths Sterling.

LOT II. The Lands of CERES MILL, and Mill called *Ceres Mill*, mill-lands, teinds and pertinents, with the thirlage belonging to ſaid mill, lying within the ſaid pariſh of Ceres; the proven rent whereof, after all deductions, is 21 l. 14 s. 1 d. 8-12ths; and the upſet-price, being twenty-two years purchaſe of ſaid rent, is 477 l. 11 s. 0 d. 8-12ths.

LOT III. The Lands of THIRD PART, lying in ſaid pariſh of Ceres, as preſently poſſeſſed by Margaret Henderſon, relict of ſaid Thomas Shanks, with the houſes thereon, and pertinents thereto belonging; the proven free rent whereof, after deducing public burdens, and a fifth part for teind, is 5 l. 11 s. 3 d. 4-12ths; and the upſet-price of the ſtock, being twenty-two years purchaſe, is 122 l. 8 s. 1 d 4-12ths; and, as the ſuperior pays the miniſter's ſtipend, and ſchoolmaſter's ſalary, the upſet-price of the teind, at five years purchaſe put thereon by the Lords, is 13 l. making together for ſtock and teind, 135 l. 8 s. 3 d. 4-12ths.

The whole of theſe ſubjects lie within about two miles of the town of Cupar, and within four miles of St Andrews. The greateſt part of the lands are arable, and of good ſoil; and as they are ſituated in the near neighbourhood of coal and lime, they may be improved at a very ſmall expence.

The articles of ſale and title-deeds will be ſeen at the office of Mr Kirkpatrick, depute clerk of Seſſion; and perſons wiſhing for further particulars may apply to George Tod writer in Edinburgh.

GROUND near Regiſter-Office

FOR BUILDING UPON.

TO be feued, for building upon, by public roup within the Old Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, on Wedneſday the 22d day of March 1786, betwixt ſix and ſeven afternoon,

That piece of Ground, formerly known by the name of MOWBRAY's PARK, which ſtretches about 400 feet along the north ſide of the road to Leith, from Regiſter-Street to a point nine feet diſtant from the houſe lately built by Mr Robertſon, and is of mean breadth nearly 90 feet.

The conditions of roup are in the hands of James Thomſon, writer to the ſignet; from whom further information may be had; and Mr Salisbury at the Regiſter-Office will ſhow the ground, and a new elevation, plain and unornamented, of the houſes propoſed to be erected upon it.

Sale of Growing Woods,

On the 10th of March.

THERE is to be SOLD, by public roup, on Friday the 10th of March curt. at the houſe of Archibald Buchanan, innkeeper in Callender of Monteath,

A conſiderable Track of GROWING TIMBER, moſtly Oak, to commence cutting the enſuing ſeaſon, lying in the pariſh of Callender, and barony of Strathgairney, the property of Mr Drummond of Perth.—The woods are ſituated within ſixteen miles of Stirling; and there is a good carriage road from thence to and through the moſt of them. The Foreſters, who will be heard of at Callendar, will ſhow the woods; and John Campbell of Lochend at Callendar, or William Lumſdaine, clerk to the ſignet, will ſhow the articles of ſale, and inform as to other particulars.

The ſale to begin at twelve o'clock.

A VILLA in the neighbourhood of Edinburgh,

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, (A. Ramſay's), on Wedneſday the 8th day of March 1786, between the hours of five and ſix afternoon,

The Lands of MORNINGSIDE, in the pariſh of St Cuthbert's, and ſhire of Edinburgh, with a commodious Manſion-Houſe, a neat Garden, a new ſet of Office-houſes, a Bleaching Green, a Well of good water, and other out-door conveniencies. The lands are divided into three incloſures, with thriving hedges, and ſtripes of planting. Two of the incloſures are very old graſs. There is alſo a fruit wall on the ſouth of the garden, covered with well-bearing trees. The ſituation is remarkably pleaſant, lying between the turnpike road from Wrights Houſes to Braid on the weſt, and the Grange Loan on the eaſt. The whole conſiſts of about 22 Scots acres, have right to a ſeat in the Weſt Church, are held of the Magiſtrates of Edinburgh, for payment of 8l. 19s. 1-12th of a penny Sterling of feu-duty, 1l. 2s. 6d. 8-12ths, on the entry of heirs, and the entry of ſingular ſucceſſors taxed to 2l. 5s. 1d. 8-12ths Sterling; and they pay of ſtipend 3l. 13s. 10d. Sterling.

The houſe and grounds will be ſhown by the gardener at Morningſide.

A purchaſer may have poſſeſſion from the day of ſale.

For the encouragement of offerers, the whole will be ſet up at 2100l. Sterling.

For further particulars, apply to Mr David Ruſſell accomptant in Edinburgh, or Anthony Barclay writer to the ſignet, Paterſon's Court, Edinburgh, to either of whom ſuch as incline to purchaſe by private bargain may give in propoſals.

LANDS TO SELL,

In the County of Berwick, and Pariſh of Coldingham.

To be SOLD by public voluntary roup, on Wedneſday the 10th day of May 1786, within the houſe of Mrs Weir, vintner in Dunſe, between the hours of ten and twelve forenoon,

THE Lands and Eſtate of MOORHALL, formerly part of the Lands of HILLEND, containing 164½ acres Engliſh meaſure, all incloſed and ſubdivided with ditch and hedge. The lands are in the poſſeſſion of John Conſtable, the proprietor, all improved, pleaſantly ſituated, and command a fine proſpect of the country. They lie juſt upon the poſt road, within two miles of Coldingham, nine miles of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and three miles of Eymouth, where plenty of lime is to be had at a reaſonable price. There is a very neat manſion-houſe on the eſtate, with a complete ſet of offices. The lands hold of Mr Home of Wedderburn, and pay an yearly feu-duty of 2d. Sterling.

For particulars apply to the proprietor, attorney in Berwick, or to Thomas Johnſton of Templehall, one of Mr Conſtable's truſtees, who has power to conclude a bargain any time before the ſale; and the title-deeds of the lands, and copies of the articles of the roup, may be ſeen in the hands of Adam Watſon, writer in Dunſe, or George Johnſton writer, corner of Crichton-ſtreet, Edinburgh.

JUDICIAL SALE.

Lands and Superiorities in Ayrſhire.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, under the authority of the Lords of Council and Seſſion, within the Parliament or New Seſſion-houſe of Edinburgh, on Wedneſday the 26th day of July 1786, between four and ſix afternoon,

The WHOLE LANDS and ESTATE belonging to Dr JOHN CAMPBELL of Wellwood, DAVID MACLURE of Shawwood, and GEORGE M'CREE of Pitcon, in the lots following, viz.

LOT I. The Lands of EAST and WEST DOWRAYS, TONGUE, and others, now generally known by the name of *Hallmark*, lying in the pariſh of Tarbolton, and ſhire of Ayr.

The proven free rent of theſe Lands is 888 l. 4 s. 11 d. 4-12ths Sterling; which the Lords having valued at twentytwo years purchaſe, the upſet-price is L. 19,541 8 9 4-12ths

And the priviledge of purchaſing the free teind of the farm of Clerkſhiels, part of the above lands (to the teinds of which farm no right appears) being 6 l. 9 d. 5-12ths the Lords having valued at five years purchaſe, or - 30 3 11 1-12th

Total upſet price, L. 19,571 12 8 5-12ths

Theſe Lands (a ſmall part excepted) hold of the Crown, and are rated at about 900 l. Scots of valued rent. They contain 1337 Scots acres, are of good ſoil, and are conveniently ſituated for markets. The village of Tarbolton lies at one end of the eſtate, Mauchline about a mile and a half from the other; and the town of Kilmarnock is not more than four miles diſtant; Ayr and Irvine about five or ſix.—The lands are all laid out in farms, which are incloſed and properly ſubdivided, and the hedges are thriving There is a very conſiderable quantity of low-lying moſſy wet land, on which little or no eſtimate was put when the farms were laſt let; but which, if drained, would become very valuable. The lands are ſurrounded with coal and lime. And, from trials formerly made, there is reaſon to conclude, that coal would be found under different parts of this eſtate, which at a period not perhaps very remote, may become a conſiderable object.

LOT II. The Lands of PITCON and LINTSEEDRIDGE, lying in the pariſh of Dalry, and ſhire of Ayr.

The proven free rent of the ſtock of theſe lands excluſive of the teind, is 155 l. 3 s. 4 d. 6-12ths, which the Lords have valued at 23 years purchaſe, or L. 3568 17 7 6-12ths

And the free teind being 37 l. 14 s. 3 d. 6-12ths, the Lords have valued at five years purchaſe, - - 188 11 5 6-12ths

Upſet price, - 3757 9 1

Theſe Lands hold blench of the Prince and Stewart of Scotland, and afford a freehold qualification on the old extent. They are ſituated on the water of Garnock, hard by the populous village of Dalry. And the villages of Kilwinning and Kilburny; the town of Beith and burgh of Irvine are at a ſmall diſtance. The lands are all incloſed and ſubdivided; and having been for many years in the proprietor's natural poſſeſſion, and of late let chiefly for graſs or paſture, they are at preſent in excellent heart. The ſoil is uncommonly fine,—the ſituation pleaſant,—and the communication with the above market towns eaſy.—Abundance of coal and lime are at hand. A more delightful inland ſpot of ſimilar extent is hardly any where to be met with.

LOT III. The Lands of SHAWOOD, lying in the pariſh of Tarbolton, and ſhire of Ayr.

The proven free rent is 126 l. 18 s. 4 d. which the Lords have valued at twenty-two years purchaſe, or L. 2792 3 4

This Lot holds of a ſubject-ſuperior, for payment of a trifling feu-duty. It is agreeably ſituated within four miles of Ayr, and commands a beautiful proſpect of that town and bay, with the country adjacent. The lands are all incloſed and ſubdivided, and the incloſures ſurrounded with belts of planting; which, with other ſmall plantations, are thriving, and add to the value as well as beauty of the place. They were, till within theſe two years, in the proprietor's natural poſſeſſion; and have been ſince ſet moſtly for graſs and paſture. A purchaſer may have immediate acceſs to the poſſeſſion both of this and the preceding Lot.

LOT IV. The Lands of ADAMHILL, and COAL thereof, lying in the pariſh of Craigie, and ſhire of Ayr, holding of a ſubject-ſuperior.

The proven free rent of the Lands, excluſive of the coal thereto, is 294 l. 19 s. 2 d. which the Lords have valued at twenty-two years purchaſe, L. 6489 1 8

And the proven free rent of the coal in ſaid lands is 40 l. which the Lords have valued at ten years purchaſe, or 400 0 0

Together, L. 6889 1 8

LOT V. The Lands now called SUMMERFIELD, and two Incloſures part of the lands of Belleiſle, lying in the pariſh and ſhire of Ayr, holding of a ſubject.

The proven free rent is 33 l. 13 s. 10 d. 6-12ths, which the Lords have valued at twenty-two years purchaſe, L. 741 5 3

The lands are agreeably ſituated near the town of Ayr, and there is a neat commodious manſion-houſe upon them.

LOT VI. The Lands now called BELLEISLE, lying in the pariſh and ſhire of Ayr, partly property and partly ſuperiority, holding of a ſubject-ſuperior.

The proven free rent and feu-duty, is 47 l. 14 s. 5 d. which the Lords have valued at twenty-two years purchaſe, L. 1049 17 2

LOT VII. The Superiority and Feu-Duty of the Lands of OVER and MIDDLE WELLWOODS, lying in the pariſh of Muirkirk, and ſhire of Ayr.

The proven free feu-duty is 119 l. 11 s. 9 d. 5-12ths Sterling, which the Lords having valued at twenty-two years purchaſe, the upſet price is, L. 2630 19 3 2-12ths.

This ſuperiority holds of the Crown, and affords a freehold qualification.

LOT VIII. The Superiority of the Lands of Kaimes, called KAIMSHILL and NETHER KAIMS, lying in the pariſh of Muirkirk, and ſhire of Ayr, holding of the Crown.

The proven free feu-duty is 10 s. 6 d. 2-12ths, which being valued at twenty-four years purchaſe, the upſet price is, L. 12 12 4

And the Superiority of the lands of Middle Hiſlar or Heilar and Corſeboig, lying in the pariſh of Sorn, and ſhire of Ayr, holden of the Crown.

The proven free feu-duty is 1 s. 3 d. 2-12ths which the Lords have valued at twenty-two years purchaſe, 1 7 9 8-12ths

L. 14 0 1 8-12ths

Theſe lands ſtand rated in the valuation books of the county of Ayr as follows, viz. Kaimſhill at 66 l. 13 s. 4 d. Scots, Nether Kaims at 66 l. 13 s. 4 d. Scots, Heilar 58 l. 5 d. Scots, and Corſeboig 19 l. 13 s. 6 d. Scots.

LOT IX. A STOREHOUSE and YARD in the town of Ayr.

The proven free rent is 4 l. 19 s. 6 d. which the Lords have valued at ten years purchaſe or, L. 49 15 0

LOT X. Dr Campbell's right of liferent to the Superiority of the Lands of MUIRHOUSE MAILLING, lying in the pariſh of Munkton, and ſhire of Ayr.

The proven free feu-duty is 16 s. 5 d. 4-12ths; and the Lords have valued Dr Campbell's liferent right at ſix years purchaſe, or L. 4 18 8

LOT XI. The Lands of NOTRH-HILL of Auchmillan, lying in the pariſh of Sorn, and ſhire of Ayr, holden of a ſubject ſuperior, to which Dr Campbell has right *jure mariti*.

The proven free rent is 39 l. 6 s. 3 d. 4-12ths; and the Lords have valued the Doctor's *jus mariti* at ſix years purchaſe, or L. 235 17 8

LOT XII. A LODGING or DWELLING-HOUSE in the town of Ayr, lately belonging to and preſently poſſeſſed by David M'Clure.

The proven free rent is 15 l. which the Lords have valued at fifteen years purchaſe, L. 225 0 0

LOT XIII. The benefit of a SURPLUS RENT, ariſing from a tack of the Farm of BROWNHILL, lying in the pariſh of Tarbolton, and ſhire of Ayr, ſet by Colonel Hunter of Brownhill to David M'Clure, and ſubſet by David M'Clure to Hugh M'Clure.

The proven ſurplus rent payable to David M'Clure is 100 l.; and which for the nine years of the tack to run after Martinmas 1786, the Lords have valued at five years purchaſe, L. 500 0 0

LOT XIV. A LODGING or DWELLING-HOUSE in the town of Ayr.

The proven free rent is 15 l. 15 s. which being valued at fifteen years purchaſe, the upſet price is L. 236 5 0

LOT XV. The SURPLUS RENT or benefit of a ſubtack of part of the Lands of THORNYFLATT, lying in the pariſh of St Evox, and ſhire of Ayr.

The proven free ſurplus rent payable to George M'Cree is 20 l. which for the eighteen years of the tack to run after Martinmas 1786, the Lords have valued at eight years purchaſe, ſo the upſet price is L. 160 0 0

The articles of ſale and title-deeds, will be ſeen at the office of Mr Alexander Roſs, depute-clerk of Seſſion; and further information may be got, by applying to James Thomſon, writer to the ſignet, Hanover Street, in whoſe hands are plans and meaſurements of part of the ſubjects under ſale.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

Upſet Prices Reduced.

Lands in the ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright.

TO be SOLD within the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, on Friday the 10th day of March 1786, between the hours of ſix and ſeven afternoon,

The eſtate of CORSOCK, in the pariſh of Parton, and ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright, conſiſting of upwards of 2300 acres, with the Superiority of the Lands of Craichie.

This eſtate holds of the Crown, and affords a freehold qualification in the ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright. And upon the Mains of Corſock is a thriving wood, fit for cutting, valued by a perſon of acknowledged ſkill at 500 l. Sterling.

The groſs rent of this eſtate is 233 l. Sterling yearly, from which the ſtipend and ſchool-ſalary being deducted, there remains of free rent 221 l. 17 s. 7 d. Sterling.

This eſtate will now be expoſed *in cumulo* at the reduced upſet price of 5160 l. Sterling, *being only a few ſhillings more than twenty-one years purchaſe of the free rent*, with the addition of 400 l. only for the wood, and 100 l. as the value of the freehold qualification.

If the eſtate does not ſell *in cumulo*, it will be expoſed in the following lots, at the upſet-prices after mentioned, being twenty-one years purchaſe of the groſs rent of theſe Lots reſpectively, viz.

LOT I. MARNHOUL and UPPER and NETHER AUCHINVEYS. Rented at 47 l. To be expoſed at the reduced upſet-price of 987 l.

LOT II. BLACKARVIE. Rented at 42 l. To be expoſed at the reduced upſet-price of 882 l.

LOT III. IRONMANNOCH. Rented at 37 l. 10 s. To be expoſed at the reduced upſet-price of 787 l. 10 s.

LOT IV. The MAINS of CORSOCK, comprehending the lands called *the Loch of Corſock*, with the mill, mill-lands, multures, and ſequels. Rented at 106 l. 10 s.——This Lot, which is to comprehend not only the ſuperiority of the lands contained in it, but alſo of Lots I. II. and III. and of the lands of Craichie, will be expoſed at the reduced upſet-price of 2736 l. 10 s. being juſt twenty-one years purchaſe of the groſs rent of the property-lands, 400 l. as the value of the wood on this lot, and 100 l. as the value of the ſuperiority, being added thereto.

On Lot IV. beſide the wood, the manſion-houſe of Corſock is ſituated, lying on the water of Urr. The lands in this lot are well incloſed and ſubdivided with ſufficient ſtone-dykes, and are very improvable.

The loch of Corſock, conſiſting of 21 acres, may be drained at a ſmall expence, and converted into good arable and meadow ground, and there are appearances of marl in the loch, which will be a fund of improvement to the whole eſtate. A lime quarry, too, has been lately opened in the neighbourhood.

All the above lands are under leaſes current till Whitſunday 1794, excepting the lands of Blackarvie, being Lot II. which will be out of leaſe at Whitſunday next.

The teinds of the whole lands are valued, and a decreet of ſale of them obtained, which will be conveyed to the purchaſers

If Lots I. II. and III. are ſold ſeparately, the purchaſers will hold feu of the purchaſer of Lot IV. for payment of 1 s. of feu-duty yearly, and doubling the ſame at the entry of each heir and ſingular ſucceſſor.

If Lot I. does not ſell *in cumulo*, it will, if offerers incline, be expoſed in three parcels, as follow.

PARCEL I. MARNHOUL, rented at 21 l. upſet price, - - - L. 441 0 0

PARCEL II. UPPER AUCHINVEY, rented at 12 l. upſet price - - 252 0 0

PARCEL III. NETHER AUCHINVEY, rented at 14 l. upſet price, - - 294 0 0

L. 987 0 0

To be held feu of the purchaſer of Lot IV. as above.

The progreſs of writs, conditions of ſale, plan and meaſurement of the lands, and eſtimate of the wood, are to be ſeen in the hands of William Campbell, writer to the ſignet, to whom perſons inclining to purchaſe may apply for further information.

Patrick M'George at Mains of Corſock, will ſhow the lands.

A conſiderable part of the price will fall to be retained by the purchaſer of the eſtate, if ſold *in cumulo*, or by the purchaſer of Lot IV. if ſold ſeparately.

TO be SOLD by public roup or auction, within the King's Arms Inn in Dumfries, upon Wedneſday the 22d day of March curt.

The Two and Half-merk Land of

DORNELL, lying in the pariſh of Balmaghie, and ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright, conſiſting of 400 acres or thereby, beſides a Loch of 20 acres, well ſtored with perch and pike. They hold of the Crown, and are rented at 43 l. Sterling, and will be expoſed at 850 l.

Alſo, The WOODS on the marches between the lands of Livingſton and Finnineſs, in the ſaid pariſh of Balmaghie, conſiſting of Oak, Aſh, Beech, and Birch.

The articles of roup and title-deeds to be ſeen in the hands of John Hunter, writer to the ſignet, and Thomas Stothart, writer in Dumfries, to either of whom perſons inclining to make a private bargain may apply.

Lands in Berwickſhire.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within John's Coffee-houſe, Edinburgh, upon Wedneſday the 28th day of June 1786, between the hours of five and ſix afternoon,

The eſtate of WHITSOMHILL, lying within the pariſhes of Whitſom and Ladykirk, and county of Berwick; the groſs rental of which is upwards of 1000 l. Sterling. The lands, which conſiſt of about 1360 acres, are completely incloſed and ſubdivided, and have good farm-houſes. Part of the eſtate lies along the river Tweed; and the ſituation of the whole is remarkably beautiful, and within a few miles of the towns of Berwick, Dunſe, Greenlaw, and Coldſtream.

The eſtate holds of the Crown, and affords ſeveral freehold qualifications.

Further particulars will be afterwards advertiſed.

The title-deeds, articles of roup, and current leaſes are to be ſeen in the hands of Mr Robert Trotter writer to the ſignet.

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